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- 1. VISIT BY GAO TEAM AUGUST 17- SEPTEMBER 1 WILL NOT RPT NOT BE CONVENIENT FOR EMBASSY AND CONGEN RIO DE JANEIRO SINCE BOTH WILL BE HEAVILY INVOLVED WITH PETROLEUM EXPLORATION TRADE MISSION AT THAT TIME.
- 2. IF GAO WISHES REQUEST RESCHEDULING AT LATER DATE, EMBASSY WOULD CONCUR ONLY IN GAO TEAM'S CONTACT WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND RESOURCES OFFICER. MINING AND MINERALS SECTOR HAS EXPRESSED IRRITATION AT THE NUMBER OF USG--INCLUDING GAO--VISITORS WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ASSIST RECENTLY. OUR CONTACTS HAVE COMPLAINED THAT THESE FREQUENT VISITS ARE NOT ONLY TIME-CONSUMING, BUT, IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, "INTRUSIVE". FURTHERMORE, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GOB-CONTROLLED FIRMS ARE LIKELY TO BELIEVE THAT CERTAIN OF THE TEAM'S PROPOSED QUESTIONS IMPINGE ON PRIOPRIETARY--EVEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRATEGIC--AREAS WHICH THEY WOULD NOT DISCUSS AND WOULD RESENT BEING ASKED. IN VIEW OF SENSITIVE USG-GOB RELATIONS, EMBASSY WOULD NOT AGREE TO TEAM'S CALLS ON GOB OFFICIALS OR GOB-CONTROLLED ENTITIES.

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